



What You Need to Know About School Emergencies

Tucson Unified School District works hand-in hand with law-enforcement and other first responding agencies in case of potential or real emergencies to ensure the safety of every TUSD student and staff members.

- Site administrations and TUSD communications will typically communicate via Parent link, an automated call and email service. If an event lasts longer than 30 minutes, parents and guardians will receive periodic updates.
- In a potential emergency, **please stay away from the school** unless instructed to come. Having additional people on site makes it more difficult for first responders to assess situations and find potential threats.
- Every campus has an emergency evacuation and parent/guardian and student reunification plan.
- **Emergency procedures used by TUSD:**
 - **DROP, COVER AND HOLD:** This is used in case of earthquakes.
 - **SHELTER-IN-PLACE:** This term is used when a site has a potential safety concern outside of campus, but inside of the campus remains safe. Examples are off property chemical spills or weather-induced emergencies.
 - **EVACUATION:** This term is used when there is a safety concern inside of the school, but outside of the school remains safe. Examples are gas leaks or fires.
 - **SECURE:** During Secure operations, the campus is closed so that no one new can enter the school without the permission of a school administrator. Student movement throughout the campus is restricted, but classroom instruction continues as normal. Secure operations are put into place when there is a potential safety concern near the school. Examples are police activity in the neighborhood.
 - **LOCKDOWN:** In a lockdown, the campus is closed, and no movement throughout the school is authorized. A lockdown is put into place when there is an active threat on the school campus.



School Safety staff are in place to contribute to a safe school environment, protect and serve as educators and role models for students to promote schools' visions.

You are not alone. We are here for you.

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